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Mr. George LeVines
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Re: *Public Records Request*

Dear Mr. LeVines,

The Department of State Police ("Department") has received your public records request for the "equipment inventory list from the year 2000 to the date [your] request is processed." I apologize for the delay in the Department's reply.

While the Massachusetts Statewide Records Retention Schedule establishes a retention period of three (3) years, the Department maintains records of its equipment inventory for the past four (4) years. Thus, the Department estimates the cost of searching those records and responding to your inquiry to be approximately \$6,400.00, though the actual costs may be higher or lower.

The Department's good faith estimate of the cost for conducting this search is based upon the following: (1) An employee of the Department, paid approximately \$25.00 an hour, will need approximately 176.0 hours to search for and segregate responsive material (176.0 hours multiplied by \$25.00 = \$ 4400.00) and (2) The Department will, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 66, §10(a) and 950 CMR 32.06, impose a 50¢ fee per copy of each responsive page furnished (approximately 4,000 pages multiplied by 0.50¢=\$2,000.00).

Furthermore, please be advised that the Department will impose a fee for the cost of mailing these records to you via United States Postal Service.

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Please be aware that the actual cost of conducting the search may exceed the Department's good faith estimate. If you wish for the Department to commence this search, please send to my office the \$6,400.00 payment made payable to the Commonwealth.

If you object to the Department's response to your request or any portion of the same, you may appeal the Department's response in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 66, §10(b) and 950 CMR 32.00. Moreover, if you wish to limit or otherwise alter your request to reduce the estimated cost of the search, the Department will provide you with an updated estimate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaclyn Zawada". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Jaclyn" and last name "Zawada" clearly distinguishable.

Jaclyn Zawada
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